Jubilee weekend weather

31 May 2012 - What does the weather have in store for the Jubilee celebrations this weekend?

With events going on up and down the country for the Jubilee celebrations, there is a great deal of interest in the weekend's weather - so what does it have in store?

There's a fairly complex weather picture developing for the UK, with high pressure to the north and low pressure systems moving into the south by Sunday.

This means the situation is finely balanced, but the Met Office expects a marked split in the weather from the southern half to the northern half of the UK.

Saturday is expected to be a largely fine and dry day for much of the UK. However, cloud and rain will never be far away from the south-west and here we expect it to turn increasingly cloudy with rain moving in during the second half of the day.

As we move into Sunday, the southern half of the UK will see rain - heavy at times - while the northern half once again sees the best of any dry and bright spells. It will, however, be much cooler than last weekend in all parts.

Tony Waters, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, said: "After a spell of such exceptionally warm and fine weather, it may be disappointing that this won't last through to the Jubilee weekend.

"However, many parts of the UK will see some dry and bright spells at times, particularly in the north. In fact, the general weather picture is for some typically British weather."

It's certainly not unusual to see some rain at this time of year. Looking back at past weather on important events in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, her Coronation Day on 2 June 1953 saw rain and relatively cool temperatures for the time of year - with a maximum temperature of around 12 °C. You can see what the weather was doing on other dates during her life and reign in our online infographic.

As we move into next week, the outlook is for variable weather conditions - with sunshine, showers, and occasional longer spells of rain. You can see a regularly updated forecast for Jubilee celebration events on our website and YouTube channel .

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